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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 March 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 05 March 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/5/02 and 10/9/05.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Priority

Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 3/5/02 and 9/10/03 have been considered by the examiner. See attached PTO-1449.

Specification

The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Drawings

The drawings were received on 3/5/02. These drawings are accepted.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Haneda (US Patent 6,211,974 B1).

As per claim 1, Haneda discloses a data reproduction apparatus comprising:
a data accumulation means that accumulates a plurality of types of data (as recording medium which record information such as zones and image data of a slide-show program, col. 3, lines 1-3);

a data reproduction means that reproduces data (as a decompression (col. 26, lines 30-35), or a playback machine for playing back a slide-show program that has been reproduced, or reproduce an image data stored in the user's recording medium, col. 3, lines 4-6, col. 6, lines 47-48, col. 16, lines 5-7);

a user operation input means that outputs input codes which correspond to input by user operation (as input unit # 11 is operated in an operator (i.e., an employee at the developing establishment) to enter various data and command (i.e., numerals or characters, col. 14, lines 21-25, , col. 18, lines 47-51, col. 25, lines 5-11);

a table that holds input codes determined in advance and execution locations which are executed when said input codes are inputted (as the event information or types of information, is predetermined, col. 25, lines 13-20);

a script execution location specifying means that, when an input code from said user operation input means and said input code held in said table coincide, modifies said execution locations held in said (col. 18, lines 55-64, col. 20, lines 28-32, col. 21, lines 15-17);

a script analysis and execution means that holds a script file (Fig. 51, script file) **which contains a description specifying an execution location in a script file executed upon user operation input, said script analysis and execution means further recognizing commands described in said script data and executing processing that corresponds to said commands** (as a code 01 is selected by the user from the types of information IX1 from 1-99 codes, col. 29, lines 30-67, col. 30-31, col. 32, lines 1-28); **wherein**

when said input code from said user operation input means and said input code held in said table coincide, then said script analysis and execution means performs a control to reproduce data according to a reproduction instruction specified at said execution location that is modified by said script execution location specifying means (as playback machine also includes a computer system (col. 18, lines 38-39), the user' recording medium includes a playback program, order program, etc., these programs are read out by loaded them in the computer system. In response to a command (user inputs codes selected from code 1-99, IX1) from the user

by using input unit (i.e., keyword), the computer executes processing for image playback, col. 18, lines 55-64).

Claims 2 and 3 are rejected by the same rational as claim 1 argument.

Furthermore, Haneda discloses **a lock data output means that output clock data and a time code input/output means that generates a time code and received a time code inputted from outside** (as create data of a file, Fig. 16, col. 15, lines 33-34).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record, listed on form PTO-892, and not relied upon, if any, is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DEBBIE M. LE whose telephone number is (571) 272-4111. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, JOHN BREENE can be reached on (571) 272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Aug. 30, 2005.